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Mr. Kevin M. Seals Hanson Professional Services, Inc. 1525 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street Springfield, IL 62703

> RE: U.S. Route 66 Bikeway Project code #1003012 and 1003013

Dear Mr. Seals:

The above project has been reviewed under the context of the IDNR's Endangered Species Consultation Program and the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.

## **Consultation**

The department is in receipt of the memo dated 10/05/2009 reporting the Kirtland's snake habitat survey. Consultation is terminated.

The Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence or condition of significant natural features in any specific location; consultation cannot replace detailed site surveys. The Department is unable to state that no listed species exist within the project footprint, nor can it exclude the possibility that listed species other than those mentioned exist in the vicinity. Should a protected species be encountered during project implementation, compliance with applicable statues and regulations is required.

Consultation is limited to State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Areas, and dedicated Land & Water Reserves and Nature Preserves; it does not entail a comprehensive environmental impact assessment. The Department may raise concerns through other venues regarding potential impacts to other natural resources as it deems appropriate.

## **Wetland Review**

A review of the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map, indicates the presence of wetlands within at least 250 feet of the project limits. Additional review of the scope of work indicates

these wetland areas will not be impacted by the project. No further action with regards to wetlands is required.

All Illinois Department of Transportation recommendations should be incorporated into the construction plans.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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